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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 18 November 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 12 and 22.

Identification of prior art discussed: "Efficient Locking for Concurrently Operations on B-Trees" (Lehman), 5434994 (Shaheen et al.), 5485608 (Lomet et al.).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the proposed claim amendments regarding "transactions associated with a single b-link tree/data structure." Some claim amendments appear to overcome the Lehman/Lomet combination from the last office action, but Shaheen appears to still apply. No agreement was reached with respect to the claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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